FOREST HEIGHTS NE

Message from the Mayor

You are invited to join Forest Heights Town Special Meeting, Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 5:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting Dial-In: 301-715-8592 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8451821852





On Friday, May 7, the Town of Forest Heights celebrated the completion of our Safe Routes to School Project on North Huron Drive. Thanks to State Highway Administration, Senator Obie Patterson, Delegate Kriselda Valderrama, We would like to thank Mayor Muhammad, CW Hines, CM Kennedy, CM Washington, Dr. Thompson and

CW Hines, CM Kennedy, CM Washington, Dr. Thompson the Town staff for putting together this commemoration.







Top, Dr. Thompson, Principal, Forest Heights Elementary School

From the left, CM Kennedy, CW Hines, Mayor Muhammad, Delegate Valderrama, CM Washington, Senator Patterson

To the left, State Highway Administration Staff

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.

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Community News

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 02 - 21

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, EXPEDITED PURSUANT TO GUBERNATORIAL EMERGENCY ORDER, AMENDING SECTIONS 33-18 (THE MAYOR; POWERS AND DUTIES) AND 33-38 (REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS; REGULATION AND CONTROL) OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO AUTHORIZE AND ALLOW THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DURING A DECLARED CIVIL EMERGENCY TO AMEND OR MODIFY BY PROCLAMATION AND SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION THE MANNER OF VOTING AND CASTING OF BALLOTS AND OTHER PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BY CHARTER OR ORDINANCE CODE AND GENERALLY RELATED TO REGISTRATION, NOMINATIONS AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad. First Reading February 1, 2021 Seconded Reading February 17, 2021 Motion Passed March 14, 2021 Vote 7 Yea 0 Nay

UNA CARTA DE ENMIENDA RESOLUCIÓN DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, ACELERADA DE ACUERDO CON LA ORDEN GUBERNATORIAL DE EMERGENCIA, ENMENDANDO LAS SECCIONES 33-18 (EL ALCALDE; PODERES Y DEBERES) Y 33-38 (REGISTRO, NOMINACIONES Y ELECCIONES; REGLAMENTO Y CONTROL) DE LA CARTA DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND PARA AUTORIZAR Y PERMITIR AL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DURANTE UNA EMERGENCIA CIVIL DECLARADA PARA ENMENDAR O MODIFICAR POR PROCLAMACIÓN Y UNA ENMIENDA DE LA CARTA RESOLUCIÓN DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, ACELERADO DE ACUERDO CON LA ORDEN GUBERNATORIAL DE EMERGENCIA, ENMENDANDO LAS SECCIONES 33-18 (EL ALCALDE; PODERES Y DEBERES) Y 33-38 (REGISTRO, NOMINACIONES Y ELECCIONES; REGULACIÓN Y CONTROL) DE LA CARTA DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND PARA AUTORIZAR Ý PERMITIR AL ALCALDE Y ÉL CONSEJO, DURANTE UNA EMERGENCIA CIVIL DECLARADA, ENMENDAR O MODIFICAR POR PROCLAMACIÓN Y POSTERIOR RESOLUCIÓN LA FORMA DE VOTO Y LANZAMIENTO DE LA BOLA OTROS Y OTROS PROCEDIMIENTOS Y REQUISITOS RELATIVOS A LA REALIZACIÓN DE LAS ELECCIONES PREVIAMENTE ESTABLECIDAS POR CARTA U ORDENANZA RESOLUCIÓN POSTERIOR LA FORMA DE VOTACIÓN Y EJECUCIÓN DE LAS BOLETAS Y OTROS PROCEDIMIENTOS Y REQUISITOS RELATIVOS A LA CONDUCCIÓN DE LAS ELECCIONES O ANTERIORMENTE ESTABLECIDAS POR CÓDIGOS DE CARÁCTER O PREVIAMENTE INSCRIPCIONES, NOMINACIONES Y ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES

ORDINANCE NO. 01-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND READOPTING AND AMENDING ARTICLE 20 (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS), SECTION 20.4 (PROCEDURES) OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR SMALL PURCHASES FROM \$1,000 TO \$5,000 THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE SMALL PURCHASES UP TO \$5,000 WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.

Introduced By: Councilmember Taunya Hines, Ward 3. First reading April 5, 2021. Seconded reading April 21, 2021 Motion Passed April 21, 2021 at 9:15pm

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Forest Heights Police Department Calls for Service April 2021

911 DISCONNECT 14 RESIDENTIAL ALARM 2 **ACCIDENT** SEXUAL ASSAULT ANIMAL COMPLAINT SHOOTING 1 ARMED PERSON STOLEN VEHICLE **ASSAULT** SUBJECT STOP 3 **CHECK WELFARE** SUSPICIOUS AUTO 3 **CVA ABUSE** SUSPICIOUS OCC. AUTO 7 4 2 **DEATH REPORT** SUSPICIOUS PERSON DEPT ACCIDENT PD COMB. THEFT FROM AUTO DISORDERLY THEFT JO 1 13 THEFT REPORT 2 **DOMESTIC** 2 **DWI DRIVER** TRAFFIC COMPLAINT UNKNOWN TROUBLE **FAMILY DISPUTE FOUND VANDALISM** VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMB **GUNSHOTS** HIGHWAY ACCIDENT COMB **Total Calls Handled: 256** HIT AND RUN 2 MISC POLIC INCIDENT 12 MISSING PERSON 2 NOISE COMPLAINT 1 PREMISE CHECK 194

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PROP ALARM COMM. PROPERTY DAMAGE POLICE STATION
5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE
Operating
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
301-839-4040
(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)
(301) 352-1200



Forest Heights May 2021

Community News continued

FOREST HEIGHTS SPRING CLEANUP

On Saturday, April 17, 2021 the Town of Forest Heights held its Spring Cleanup, and got an amazing turnout! Volunteers removed trash from Livingston Road, parts of MD-210, Forest Heights Elementary School and Flintstone Elementary School. We had over 25 volunteers out who collected over 30 bags and 200 pounds of material from our roads. We also had a demonstration from members of the environmental nonprofit Alice Ferguson who educated our volunteers on how long common materials take to dissolve, and the importance of keeping our streams and waterways clean. We are thankful for the huge turnout, and for the opportunity to help our community during this time. The Town of Forest Heights would like to thank the Alice Ferguson Foundation for their support, our amazing volunteers, staff, Councilwoman Hines, and Councilman Kennedy who took the time to help our community.















Community News continued

Town of Forest Heights Mosquito Control Notification

The Town of forest Heights, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, has an aggressive mosquito surveillance and spraying program in the town's neighborhoods. Spray season begins on May 26th and is anticipated to end on September 28th. Spraying will begin after dark may continue until midnight or later. You can also do your part to control the mosquito population by eliminating mosquito breeding areas on your property in places where water collects, such as trash cans, buckets, and wheelbarrows, and by changing water in kiddie pools, bird baths, and outdoor pet water bowls regularly. Your community may or

I may not be sprayed each week. The frequency will be determined by surveillance data collected and complaints received. In I order to determine if your community will be sprayed on its scheduled spray night, please contact our office between 2-3 pm that I day. You may call or email.

I http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito control.aspx website.

Spraying will commence as soon as it is dark. As a <u>precaution</u>, we advise residents to stay inside their homes and close their windows while the spray truck is in the vicinity, bring in <u>any pets</u>, and remain in the home until 30 minutes after the spray truck has passed by. If there are people outside when the truck passes by, no spray will be released and the truck will not make another pass down that street. Exemption forms are available upon request.

The Electric Vehicle Charging Station Coming Soon

The Town of Forest Heights will soon be unveiling its charging station at the Municipal Building. Stay tuned for further updates.



From the Town Code Enforcement Department:

Section 11.2-B of the Town Ordinance Code mandates that all yards, lawns, lots, vacant and sidewalk areas immediately adjacent to improved property should be kept clean and from weeds and brush exceeding 8 inches in height.



REGISTER NOW!

Residential Landscaping Projects for Stormwater Management

Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:00 pm OR Tuesday June 8, 2021 7:00 pm VIRTUAL via Zoom







The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland, Maryland Black Mayors, Inc., and the Anacostia Watershed Society are pleased to invite homeowners of Brentwood, Cheverly, Colmar Manor, Fairmount Heights, Forest Heights and North Brentwood to attend either of these free workshops.

Residential Landscaping Projects for Stormwater Management

Cost: Free!

Where: VIRTUAL via Zoom

When: Thursday May 13th, 7:00 – 8:00pm OR Tuesday June 8th, 7:00 – 8:00pm

OVERVIEW

Learn about how to receive free rain barrels and landscaping projects at your home!

Attendees will hear about the Maryland Black Mayors Advancing Stormwater Management project which has funding for homeowners who qualify to receive free rain barrels, native gardens, and/or trees installed at their property! Learn about why stormwater is an environmental concern and what you can do to be part of the clean water solution! Pre-registration is required.

Questions: Email Natalia Sanchez at nsanchez@umd.edu

Come be part of the Community Garden on North Huron Drive

Community gardening improves quality of life. Community gardening turns urban eyesores into vibrant green space, which improves the quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood – not just the people who actually tend the garden.



COVID-19 News

SECOND SHOTS AVAILABLE for VACCINE

St. Mark's AME Church will be hosting the mobile units for COVID-19 Vaccine Shot (Second Round Only) on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 10am-2pm.** Located at 5427 Indian Head Highway.



CORONAVIRUS VACCINE ALERT

NO WALK-INS

ACCEPTED AT ANY

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS

PREREGISTER AT MYPGC.US/PROUDTOBEPROTECTED

Prince George's County has entered Phase 3 for distribution and is offering vaccinations to all residents aged 16 or older who have pre-registered. Listed below are the active vaccination clinics being run by Prince George's County:

Cedar Heights Community Center

1200 Glen Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, MD

Cheverly Health Center

3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD

Kentland Community Center

2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover MD

Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Complex

7120 Contee Road, Laurel MD

Sports and Learning Complex

8001 Sheriff Road, Landover MD

Southern Regional Technology Center

7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington

By appointment only. No walk ins allowed.

Pre-register with the county and find out more information about the vaccine rollout at

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination

Prince George's County COVID Testing sites

Prince George's County has several permanent testing locations for COVID-19, with pop up locations announced on their website. You can find the locations by going to princegeorgescountymd.gov and searching COVID-19 testing. Testing is limited to persons 10 years of age or older. Patients do not need an appointment, doctor's note, or insurance to get tested.

Adventist Medical Group. 10709 Indian Head Highway, Suite D, Fort Washington. Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 7:30 AM-11:30 AM.

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville. 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville. Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.



Testing is also available by appointment at many private locations. Check with your nearest pharmacy to see if they offer this service. The Prince George's County website also offers locating services for testing.

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you lost a loved one relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) after January 20, 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering Funeral Assistance to ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic.

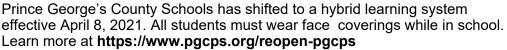
FEMA will begin accepting applications for Funeral Assistance on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 9 a.m. by calling 844-684-6333 and TTY: 800-462-7585 for the death. For more information about Funeral Assistance and eligibility, visit COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov.

https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance

Check out the Prince George's County Vaccine Locater at

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AlertC enter.aspx?AID=46

PGCPS News



There will be no more mobile meal service for students. Meals will be served to students in schools on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students

learning virtually can pick up meal packages on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 ÅM-1:00 PM at any school. Children picking up meals do not have to show any form of identification.

Community News continued

Free Health Resources-

Doctors Community Health System

Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings

Doctors Community Hospital 8116 Good Luck Road Professional Office Building, Suite 110 Lanham, MD 20706 301-552-8524 DCHweb/org/breast Women who reside in Prince George's County may qualify if they have a photo or Picture ID, are ages 40 or older, are uninsured or underinsured or have a limited income. Appointment required.

Free Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

Doctors Community Hospital 8100 Good Luck Road North Building, 4th Floor Lanham, MD 20706 301-552-7705 DCHweb.org/prevention Colon or colorectal cancer is often preventable or curable. If you are a Prince George's County resident you may qualify for a no cost colonoscopy if you are ages 50 or older, ages 60 or younger with a family history of colorectal cancer, or uninsured or underinsured. Appointment required.





COVID-19 Survey

The Town of Forest Heights is looking to assess the need for vaccination services. If you are a senior aged 65 or older and have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, please let us know. You may call us at 301-839-1030 or email

shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov.

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC UPDATES

Want to be connected to the latest updates? The Town of Forest Heights is working to keep you informed through multiple modes of media.

Email kvia@forestheightsmd.gov to be added to the Electronic Mailing List. You will receive a copy of any updates that are posted to the Forest Heights website. Call 301-839-1030 if you have any questions or concerns.

Senior Exercise Group

The Forest Heights Senior Exercise Class meets in the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 PM. The exercise class is free to join for Forest Heights Seniors, and a great way to stay connected and stay fit.

When the last time you just checked in on someone? Here's 10 Ways

I wanted to see how everything is going.

This made me think of you.

Let's catch up soon.

I wanted to see how I could help.

Take as much time as you need.

I've been missing you and wanted to say hi.

Hey, how are you doing?

I was just thinking of you and wanted to say hi.

I'd love to catch up on what you've been doing!

I wanted to see if everything is OK.



Community Calendar

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	3 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885	4 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	5	6 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	7 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-Community Garden 11:00 AM	8
9	10 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	11 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	12 SPECAIL MEETING 5:30PM DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 8451821852	13 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	14	15
16	17 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	18 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM 2nd round Shots St. Marks AME 10am-2pm	19MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm via ZOOM DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463	20 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	21	22
23	24 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	25 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	26	27 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day. Town Hall Closed No Trash Pickup	1. June Trash Pickup				

Prince George's Emergency Rental Assistance Program Relaunch



The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is now offering emergency rental assistance to landlords on behalf of tenants experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the relaunch of its Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).*

The ERAP Relaunch Opens Thursday, March 4, 2021
Applications accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Who can apply?

Landlords, holding a valid County rental license, with occupied rental units.

What can ERAP cover?

Landlords may apply for each tenant's delinquent rental payments beginning on or after April 1, 2020 for up to 12 months of back rent. The monthly amount of assistance is based on the actual rent value less all late fees, interest, and other costs associated with the tenant's default.

Rent assistance will be paid directly to the landlord/ management company on behalf of the tenant through ACH direct deposit.

Visit the DHCD website for detailed information about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to check for:

- Required Landlord Documentation Needed for Submission with Application
- FAQ's

Tenant Eligibility Requirements

- Have a valid lease agreement in their name.
- Income eligible families whose annual income does not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), as determined by HUD, and adjusted for household size (check DHCD website for AMI eligibility).
- Able to show income loss due to COVID-19.

Tenants will not need to provide a Social Security number or birth certificate to apply.

What If My Landlord Refuses to Apply?

Tenants unable to pay their rent due to a loss of income because of COVID-19, may apply for rental assistance for up to 6 months in arrears and utility assistance, if their landlord will not apply for rental assistance funding on their behalf.

Rent assistance will be paid directly to the landlord/management company on behalf of the tenant through ACH direct deposit.

Utility assistance will be paid directly to the utility company on behalf of the tenant.

Visit the DHCD website for detailed information about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to check for:

- Required tenant documentation needed for submission with the application
- Where tenants can receive assistance with completing and submitting an application
- FAQ's

Learn More & Apply: hcd.mypgc.us

*This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ERA0202 awarded to Prince George's County, MD Government by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



DONATE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The Prince George's County Office of Community Relations is organizing a donation program for residents in need, as well as first responders or medical personnel. If you have non-perishable food, baby supplies, hygiene products or Personal Protective Equipment, consider filling out the online form by following the link below:

https://www.princegeorgescountym d.gov/FormCenter/Health-13/COVID19-Donations-138



Local Forest Heights

Post Customer

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Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m. MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights Residents:

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste.

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles

Not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less) NO METAL

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Senora Thompson Scott, Police Clerk-ext. 1225

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www.forestheightsmd.gov ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236 8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

NOTARY SERVICES-by appointment only 8:30 a.m-4:00 p.m.